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**SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY
OF CANADA
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

Statutes

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE

**United Religious and Military Orders of
the Temple, and of St. John
of Jerusalem, Palestine,
Rhodes and Malta**

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I hereby certify that the following contains the Statutes as revised and amended by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, at the Annual Assembly, held at Kingston, Ont., on the fifth day of September, 1900, and all amendments made thereto since that date.

≡ Will. H. White

Grand Chancellor.

*The Chancery, Montreal, P. Q.,
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STATUTES.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

1. The public interest of the Orders in the Dominion of Canada shall be regulated by a General Assembly of all the Preceptories holding warrants from or issued by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, represented by their Presiding-Preceptors, Constables and Marshals, or by their Preceptors or duly appointed Proxies, and the Grand and Past Grand Officers under the style and title of the *Sovereign Great Priory of Canada*, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, and the said Sovereign Great Priory shall have the supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, with power to grant Dispensations and issue Warrants for forming and holding Preceptories and Priories, and over all Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and appendant Orders in and for the Dominion of Canada.

2. The Members of the Sovereign Great Priory shall on all occasions take rank in the following order, Past Grand Officers taking precedence in accordance with the date of their election or appointment, viz. :

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| The Most Eminent Sir Kt. the | Supreme Grand Master. |
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| " | Past Supreme Grand Masters. |
| The Right Eminent Sir Kt. the | Deputy Grand Master. |
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| " | Past Deputy Grand Masters. |
| " | Provincial or District Grand Priors. |
| " | Past Prov. or District Grand Priors. |
| " | Grand Chancellor. |
| " | Past Grand Chancellors. |
| " | Grand Chaplain. |
| " | Past Grand Chaplains. |
| " | Grand Constable. |
| " | Past Grand Constables. |
| " | Grand Marshal |
| " | Past Grand Marshals. |
| " | Grand Treasurer. |
| " | Past Grand Treasurers. |
| " | Grand Registrar. |
| " | Past Grand Registrars. |
| The Very Eminent Sir Kt. the | Grand Vice Chancellor. |
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| " | Past Grand Vice Chancellors. |
| " | Grand Sub-Marshal. |
| " | Past Grand Sub-Marshals. |
| " | Grand Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | Past Grand Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | Grand Almoner. |
| " | Past Grand Almoners. |
| " | Grand Captain of the Guard. |
| " | Past Grand Captains of the Guard. |
| " | Grand 1st Standard Bearer. |
| " | Past Grand 1st Standard Bearers. |
| " | Grand 2nd Standard Bearer. |
| " | Past Grand 2nd Standard Bearers. |
| " | Grand Master's Banner Bearer. |
| " | Past Grand Master's Banner Bearers. |
| " | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| " | Past Grand Sword Bearers. |
| " | Grand Organist. |
| " | Past Grand Organists. |
| " | Grand Pursuivant. |
| " | Past Grand Pursuivants. |
| " | Grand Guard. |
| " | Past Grand Guards. |

Preceptors, Constables and Marshals take precedence according to the dates of the warrants of their Preceptories, or as otherwise expressed in their respective warrants.

N.B.—The Supreme Grand Master and the Past Supreme Grand Masters are styled "Most Eminent," all other "Elective" Grand and Past Grand Officers are "Right Eminent," all "appointed" Present and Past Grand Officers are styled "Very Eminent," and Preceptors and Presiding Preceptors are styled "Eminent."

3. When none of the three principal officers of a Preceptory can be present to represent a Preceptory and more than one Preceptor proposes to attend Great Priory, such Preceptory may by resolution, duly certified and signed by the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar, with seal attached, appoint one of said Preceptors its duly qualified Representative or Proxy. In the event of the absence of the Proxy or duly certified Preceptor the Senior Preceptor of the Preceptory present shall be the Representative. Should neither the Presiding-Preceptor, Constable, Marshal or a Preceptor of the Preceptory be able to attend any Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, such Preceptory, by resolution duly certified, may appoint any Preceptor, a member of another Preceptory who is a member of Great Priory, as its representative or proxy, but no Knight shall be permitted to represent more than two Preceptories.

4. Every Knight regularly elected and installed Presiding Preceptor of a Preceptory on the Register of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, shall, so long as he is a subscribing member to any Preceptory registered under said Sovereign Great Priory, rank as a Preceptor, and be a member of Sovereign Great Priory, but no Knight shall be entitled to membership in the Sovereign Great Priory by virtue of his past rank unless he shall be, at the time of presenting himself, an active or honorary member of a Preceptory in good standing. The privileges of rank shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction.

5. Any Knight of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Order, may, by the unanimous vote by ballot of the Sovereign Great Priory, after notice according to the Statutes, be constituted a member of the same, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

6. The books of Great Priory shall be closed on the 31st day of July in each year, and the failure of a Preceptory to have its Annual Returns in the Grand Chancellor's hands on that date shall disqualify its representatives from attending or voting in Great Priory, and the Preceptory shall be reported by the Grand Council or Grand Chancellor for suspension, until the returns be duly made, unless good cause is shown to the satisfaction of the Grand Council for recommending Great Priory that suspension be deferred. No Knight shall be permitted to be present as a member of Great Priory unless his name and rank shall have been returned to the Grand Chancellor on the annual Roll of Officers and Past Officers.

7. The Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory shall be held on the second Wednesday in the month of August and at such place as shall be selected at the preceding Annual Assembly. Great Priory may, however, by resolution leave the date to the discretion of the Supreme Grand Master. A special Great Priory may be held at any time or place the Supreme Grand Master may direct. Every Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory shall be convoked by the Grand Chancellor at least three weeks before the day of holding such Assembly, by a circular letter accompanied with the Agenda of the business to be transacted, addressed and mailed to each officer and member of the Grand Council thereof, the Presiding-Preceptor and Registrar of each Preceptory.

8. The Sovereign Great Priory may adjourn from time to time to a future day, if the business to be conducted thereat shall render it necessary ; and a day shall be then fixed for holding the adjourned Great Priory. Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given by the Grand Chancellor, if the day so fixed upon will admit of it, and no business shall be discussed or transacted at such adjourned Assembly of Great Priory, except that left unfinished at the Great Priory from which the adjournment shall take place.

9. If the Supreme Grand Master shall not be present at Great Priory, the chair shall be taken by the Senior Past Grand Master present, the Deputy Grand Master, or, in their absence, by the Knight present who shall be highest in rank and seniority.

10. The Supreme Grand Master having taken his position and opened the Sovereign Great Priory, the following shall be the Order of Business :

I.—Reading (or taking as read) and confirming the minutes of previous assemblies.

II.—Reading and referring the Supreme Grand Master's Address.

III.—Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

IV.—Presenting reports of Provincial Grand Priors, Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer, and referring them to the Grand Council.

V.—Presentation of the Reports of the Grand Council and dealing therewith, in the following order :

(a) On Warrants.

(b) " Audit and Finance.

(c) " Grievances and Appeals.

(d) " Continuation of the Order of the Temple.

- (e) " Jurisprudence.
- (f) " Fraternal Correspondence.
- (g) " The Fraternal Dead.

VI.—Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Credentials.

VII.—Presentation of Reports of Special Committees.

VIII.—Motions in their order on the Agenda paper, new business, notices of motion, etc.

IX.—Nomination and election of Officers and of members of the Grand Council.

The order of business shall be read or announced by the Grand Chancellor, and may at any time be suspended or changed for the session by a two-third open vote of Great Priory and not otherwise.

11. All questions are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Preceptory having three ; each Grand or Past Grand Officer, one ; each Preceptor not holding any other rank, one ; and the Supreme Grand Master, or Presiding Officer, an additional or casting vote in case of a tie. Three members of Great Priory may, while Great Priory is in session, immediately after an open vote has been taken on any question, and before any other business has been transacted, demand that a vote shall be taken by ballot. On a demand for a vote by ballot being made, such vote shall be taken before the transaction or consideration of any other business. Great Priory may by vote leave any subject to the decision of the Supreme Grand Master, or the Grand Council.

12. Every resolution of the Sovereign Great Priory shall become law and be binding and conclusive, and shall be carried into effect immediately, without confirmation or further consideration, unless some time is specified when such shall become law.

13. Any Knight intending to submit a motion, or any business for the consideration of the Sovereign Great Priory, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Grand Chancellor, four weeks at least before the day of assembling of Great Priory, in which case the same shall be entered on the Agenda paper, and may be considered; provided always, that no motion for an alteration, amendment, or addition to the Statutes, shall be made or discussed at Great Priory, unless due notice shall have been given previous to the 31st day of May preceding the Annual Assembly, and said notice shall have been inserted in the Agenda paper.

14. The Sovereign Great Priory shall have power, after due trial and conviction, in accordance with the regulations respecting trials for Templar offences, to admonish, suspend or expel any Knight, or to suspend or erase any Preceptory for violating any of the laws or regulations, or for conduct calculated to bring obloquy and discredit on the Order. Power is also given to the Grand Master to authorize the Grand Chancellor to summon every Sir Knight reported and recommended for expulsion by his private Preceptory, to appear before the Sub-Committee of the Grand Council which meets at the same time as the Annual Assembly of Great Priory next following the action of the private Preceptory.

15. If the warrant of any Preceptory be suspended or erased as aforesaid every active member thereof shall thereupon be under suspension, except those who may be specially declared exempted from such effect. A Knight under suspension for any cause, shall not be allowed to join or visit any other Preceptory unless such suspension be removed by an order of the Supreme Grand Master, or of Great Priory. (See Statute 25.)

16. In all cases where appeals or other questions are to be submitted to Great Priory for confirmation or otherwise, the papers in connection therewith after they have been before the Grand Council shall be open at the office of the Grand Chancellor for inspection, by all duly qualified Members of the Sovereign Great Priory. All judicial proceedings are subject to the appeals provided by these Statutes.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

17. (1) The Officers of Great Priory shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

(2) No Frater shall be eligible for office until he has been regularly installed as Preceptor of a warranted Preceptory on the roll of Great Priory.

(3) The Officers of Great Priory and the members of the Grand Council elected as such by Great Priory, shall be elected by ballot after nomination. When only one nomination is made the Knight so nominated shall be declared elected.

(4) Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Great Priory.

(5) Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination for the Grand Council, and for the place of holding the next Annual Assembly, shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grand Chancellor before twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the meeting.

(6) No Frater's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any Frater nominated for

more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any such nominations, at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

(7) The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Chancellor and shall contain :—

(a) A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

(b) A list of the elective officers.

(c) Properly defined spaces into which may be written the names of the Fratres to be voted for.

(d) The number of votes cast with each ballot.

(8) The Supreme Grand Master shall, before calling off Great Priory at the end of its first session, appoint and announce the names of a sufficient number of Scrutineers, not being Great Priory officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the Scrutineers to be chairman, whose duty it shall be to supervise the Scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding Officer of Great Priory. Before entering upon their duties the Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

(9) The Scrutineers shall meet as such time as the Supreme Grand Master shall determine, in a convenient room set apart for the purpose in or adjoining the place of meeting. They shall act in sections of three under the direction of the Chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the

name and number of the Preceptory of each Frater entitled to vote, and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

(10) Each Frater voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the Frater or Fratres for whom he desires to vote. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Grand Council, otherwise his ballot for the Council shall be void. After exposing to the Scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes and furnishing such other information as they may require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

(11) No Frater shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right nor more than one ballot paper for the Preceptory legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Templar offence for which the Frater charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Master. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Supreme Grand Master to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time or to be suspended indefinitely.

(12) The Supreme Grand Master shall declare the first ballot closed at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day, or at such time on the second day as Great Priory shall determine, and the vote shall be counted forthwith and announced.

(13) The five Fratres nominated for the Grand Council obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

(14) A candidate for office other than for membership on the Grand Council must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

(15) If upon the first ballot some of the Fratres nominated for any office, other than membership on the Grand Council, do not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained. Provided, however, if three or more Fratres are nominated for an elective office other than the Grand Council and there is no election, the Frater receiving the lowest number of votes shall retire.

(16) All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the Chairman of the Scrutineers with the Grand Chancellor who shall retain them for three months and shall then unless otherwise directed by the Supreme Grand Master, destroy them by fire.

(17) The Credential Committee shall report to Great Priory at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the Assembly, if the election is held on that day, but, if not, on or before the hour of ten o'clock on the forenoon of the second day.

18. The Grand Officers elected shall be :

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| The Most Eminent | the | Supreme Grand Master. |
| The Right Eminent | the | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " | " | " Provincial Grand Priors. |
| " | " | " Grand Chancellor. |
| " | " | " Grand Chaplain. |
| " | " | " Grand Constable. |
| " | " | " Grand Marshal. |
| " | " | " Grand Treasurer. |
| " | " | " Grand Registrar. |

19. The Grand Officers appointed by the Supreme Grand Master shall be :

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| The Very Eminent | the | Grand Vice Chancellor. |
| " | " | " Grand Sub-Marshal. |
| " | " | " Grand Director of Ceremonies. |
| " | " | " Grand Almoner. |
| " | " | " Grand 1st Standard Bearer |
| " | " | " Grand 2nd Standard Bearer. |
| " | " | " Grand Master's Banner Bearer. |
| " | " | " Grand Captain of the Guard. |
| " | " | " Grand Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | " Grand Organist. |
| " | " | " Grand Pursuivant. |
| " | " | " Grand Guard. |

THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

20. The Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master shall have and exercise within his jurisdiction all the powers and prerogatives pertaining to his office, in accordance with the Statutes, and shall be elected, installed and proclaimed in ancient form at the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, or at a Special Assembly duly summoned for that purpose.

21. The Supreme Grand Master may permit any Knight of the Order, not otherwise qualified to attend Great Priory as a visitor ; may send the Grand Officers to visit any Preceptory he may think proper ; may approve and confirm Provincial Grand Priors for the Provinces or Districts who have been elected by the Representatives of their Preceptories within the respective Provinces or Districts, present at the Annual Assembly of Great Priory. He shall also fill all vacancies in office, whether elective, appointed or on the Grand Council, occurring during the time Great Priory is not in session, until the next Assembly of Great Priory.

22. He may, under sanction of Great Priory, by warrant, appoint any Knight of eminence and skill, not being of less rank than a Preceptor or Eminent Commander to represent the Great Priory, in any other Great Priory or Grand Encampment for the period of three years.

23. The Supreme Grand Master has authority to grant the following dispensations : (a) For constituting a Preceptory ; (b) for the reception of candidates otherwise qualified, whose place of residence is within the jurisdiction of another Preceptory ; (c) for the admission and the conferring of the Orders on a serving Frater without fee ; (d) for authority to wear the uniform of the Order in public ; (e) to confer the Orders at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Statutes ; (f) to enable a Preceptory to change its place of meeting permanently to some other city, town or place ; (g) to authorize the installation as Preceptor of a Knight who is not fully qualified (see Statute 69) ; (h) to authorize a Presiding Preceptor to hold office more than two years in succession (see Statute 71) ; (i) to permit officers of a Preceptory to be elected or installed at other than a regular Assembly.

24. An appeal against any ruling or decision of the Grand Master, or Acting Grand Master, may be made to Great Priory. When a Knight appeals against the decision of the Grand Master, or Acting Grand Master, while Great Priory is in session—he shall state briefly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master, or Acting Grand Master, shall then state the reason of his decision, quoting the law or statute relating thereto, after which, without debate, the Grand Master, or Acting Grand Master shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the

chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Great Priory shall be announced and be final.

25. The Supreme Grand Master shall have power to authorize the Grand Chancellor to summon every Sir Knight recommended for expulsion by his Preceptory to appear at the next meeting of Great Priory following the action of his Preceptory (see Statute 14). He may after due trial and conviction, in accordance with the regulations respecting trials for Templar offences, suspend any Preceptory or Knight who is a member of the Order, until the next Assembly of Great Priory, when he shall report his action with all papers and evidence relating thereto, for action to be taken thereon (see Statute 14). He may remove the suspension of a Knight Templar where, in his opinion—there has been any irregularity in the proceedings connected with the trial (see Statute 15).

26. The Supreme Grand Master, with the Deputy Grand Master, or (in his absence) the Provincial Grand Prior, seated on his right, and the Presiding-Preceptor seated on his left hand—may preside in any Preceptory he may visit.

27. All official communications to the Supreme Grand Master shall be made through either the Grand Chancellor or Provincial Grand Prior.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

28. The Deputy Grand Master, during the absence of the Supreme Grand Master from the Dominion, or during any vacancy in the office of Supreme Grand Master—shall have and exercise all the powers, authorities and privileges

given to and vested in the Supreme Grand Master. He is *ex-officio* the President of the Grand Council, and shall sign all cheques or warrants ordered to be drawn on the Bank for payments authorized by the Sovereign Great Priory or the Grand Council. He has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Preceptory he may visit, with the Provincial Grand Prior seated on his right hand, and the Presiding Preceptor on his left hand.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORS.

29. The Provincial Grand Priors shall be elected by the majority of the Representatives and Preceptors of the Preceptories within their respective Provinces or Districts, present at the Annual Assembly of Great Priory, and if approved by the Supreme Grand Master, they shall be installed and proclaimed in due form, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected or appointed. A Provincial Grand Prior may be removed from office by the Grand Master for cause or neglect of duty. A Provincial Grand Prior must be a Preceptor, but a Presiding-Preceptor during his term of office shall not be eligible for election as Provincial Grand Prior, nor can a Provincial Grand Prior while occupying that position hold any other in the Order. On acceptance of that rank, he will *ipso facto* vacate any office which he may hold in a Preceptory.

The following shall comprise the Districts :

(1) London District—To be composed of the following Counties : Essex, Kent, Bothwell, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth and Huron.

- (2) Hamilton District—To be composed of the Counties of Bruce, Wellington, Halton, Waterloo, Wentworth, Lincoln, Monck, Welland, Brant, Norfolk, and Haldimand.
- (3) Toronto District—To be composed of the Counties of Algoma, Grey, Simcoe, Cardwell, York, Ontario, Peel, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Victoria, and Durham.
- (4) Kingston District—To be composed of the Counties of Northumberland, Peterborough, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox, Frontenac and Addington.
- (5) Ottawa District—To be composed of the Counties of Leeds, Lanark, Renfrew, Brockville, Grenville, Carleton, Dundas, Russell, Stormont, Prescott and Glengarry.
- (6) Quebec District—To comprise the Province of Quebec.
- (7) Nova Scotia District—To comprise the Province of Nova Scotia.
- (8) New Brunswick District—To comprise the Province of New Brunswick.
- (9) Manitoba District—To comprise the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.
- (10) British Columbia District—To comprise the Province of British Columbia.
- (11) Prince Edward District—To comprise the Province of Prince Edward Island.
- (12) Algoma District—To comprise the Districts of Nipissing and Algoma.
- (13) Alberta District—To comprise the Province of Alberta.

Great Priory may at any Annual Assembly by resolution re-arrange the present districts or establish such further districts or Provinces as may be required, after due notice has been given and said notice inserted in the Agenda paper. (See Statute 13.)

30. Provincial Grand Priors are invested with rank, powers and privileges in their respective Provinces or Districts as provided by the Statutes of the Order. A Provincial Grand Prior may preside in any Preceptory in his District he may visit, with the Presiding-Preceptor on his right hand.

31. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Grand Prior to visit all Preceptories in his Province or District at least once during his term of office ; he has power and authority to see that such Preceptories are working in accordance with the Ritual authorized by Great Priory, to examine all books, papers and accounts of Preceptories, and to ascertain their financial standing, to instruct them in carrying out the work of the Order, and to ascertain that their returns are duly made to Great Priory, with all fees that may have accrued or are due. He may hear and determine, in accordance with the regulations for Templar Trials, any subjects of complaint and irregularity respecting Preceptories or individual Knights within their Provinces or Districts, reporting in any case requiring suspension, full particulars to the Supreme Grand Master for his action in that behalf as provided in Statute 25. When present he shall install the officers of the Preceptory and shall report to the Sovereign Great Priory at the Annual Assembly on the progress and condition of the Preceptories in his Province or District. He shall be

entitled to receive from each Preceptory he visits his actual expenses.

31a. No Provincial Grand Prior shall be entitled to past rank, as such, unless he performs the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the Grand Council of Sovereign Great Priory.

THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

32. The Grand Chancellor shall have the custody of the Seal, and shall affix the same to all Patents, Warrants, Certificates, and other documents issued by the authority of the Supreme Grand Master or the Sovereign Great Priory, in conformity with the Statutes of the Order. His office or department shall be designated, "The Chancery of the Order." He shall issue all Patents, Warrants, Certificates and other documents authorized by the Great Priory, or directed by the Supreme Grand Master to be issued, and shall take care that the same are prepared in due form. He shall also issue all summonses for the meetings of Great Priory and the Grand Council. (See Statute 7.) He shall receive the returns from the several Preceptories, with the fees due thereon, and enter the same in books to be kept by him for that purpose, and forthwith deposit in a chartered bank, in the name of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, at the place where he resides, all moneys received, and procure and forward to the Grand Treasurer a deposit receipt for the amount deposited. He shall also receive petitions, memorials, communications and applications to or for the Supreme Grand Master, or other proper authority; and attend Great Priory or the Grand Council with such books and papers as may be required. He shall receive all notices of

motion to be brought before Great Priory, placing a number thereon, denoting the order in which the same were received, and duly insert the same in the Agenda paper. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of Great Priory and the Grand Council and publish the former with all dispatch and transmit the same to the members of Great Priory and to the Preceptories, also all such other papers and documents as may be ordered by the Supreme Grand Master or the Great Priory, or as the Grand Council shall from time to time direct. He shall register in a proper book, to be kept for that purpose, all Preceptories holding warrants under Great Priory, specifying the dates of their respective warrants, their days and places of meeting, the names and places of abode of members, with the numbers, names, and places of meeting of the respective Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters to which they belong, with the dates of their raising and exaltation as Master and Royal Arch Masons, Companions of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta. He shall enter, in a separate book, to be kept for that purpose, the names of all subscribing Preceptors registered under Great Priory, specifying the dates of their respective installations as such and the Preceptory in which they were installed, and the names of the Constables and Marshals of the same, for guidance in verifying the Roll of Representatives attending Great Priory.

All or any of the aforesaid duties of Grand Chancellor may, by the order of Great Priory, be delegated to the Grand Vice-Chancellor, and the Great Priory shall fix from time to time, by resolution, such remuneration as shall be fitting, and to whom the same shall be paid, for the discharge of the active duties of the Chancery of the Order.

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

33. The Grand Chaplain shall be a clergyman, and shall read, recite, or chant all prayers, and perform all ceremonies of a religious or ecclesiastical nature under the direction of the Supreme Grand Master.

THE GRAND CONSTABLE AND GRAND MARSHAL.

34. The Grand Constable shall be the Senior Military Officer of the Great Priory, and command the South Column.

35. The Grand Marshal shall be the Second Military Officer, and command the North Column.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

36. The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Chancellor a deposit receipt for all monies payable to Great Priory, which have been deposited in a chartered Bank, selected by Great Priory or the Grand Council, in the name of "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," and pay all demands duly authorized by the Great Priory or the Grand Council, by cheque signed by the Deputy Grand Master and himself, and countersigned by the Grand Chancellor, keeping an account of all receipts and disbursements in a suitable cash book provided by Great Priory, to be produced with the proper vouchers, at the Annual Assembly, and an abstract of the same for the audit, and for publication with the Proceedings, in every year, or whenever otherwise required by the Great Priory, Supreme Grand Master, or Grand Council.

THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

37. The Grand Registrar shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Sovereign Great Priory or Supreme Grand Master.

THE GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR AND GRAND ALMONER, ETC., ETC.

38. The Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Sub-Marshal, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Almoner, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Master's Banner-Bearer, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Guard, shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective offices. The Grand Almoner shall, during the sitting of the Great Priory, if ordered to do so, collect alms from the Knights present, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer. He is further charged with the special duty of ascertaining and reporting to the Grand Council cases of distress requiring fraternal assistance.

THE GRAND COUNCIL.

39. The Grand Council shall consist of the Supreme Grand Master, the Past Supreme Grand Masters, the elected Grand Officers, (the Deputy Grand Master being the President), ten members of the Great Priory, not under the rank of a Preceptor, of whom five shall be appointed by the Supreme Grand Master, and five elected by Great Priory at each Annual Assembly. If by inadvertence a Knight is placed on the Grand Council who is not qualified the Supreme Grand Master may appoint a duly qualified Knight in his stead. (See Statute 21.)

40. The Grand Council shall meet, five forming a quorum, prior to the Annual Assembly of Great Priory, and at such other times and places as the Supreme Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master may determine, or on a requisition signed by a quorum of the Grand Council. The Deputy Grand Master as President, shall preside, and in his absence the Knight present who shall be highest in rank and seniority ; and the Knight in the chair shall have the privilege of giving a second or casting vote on all questions when the votes of the Knights present shall be equal.

41. The Grand Council shall hear and determine all matters referred to it, and, if necessary, report thereon to Great Priory ; and any determination of the Grand Council on questions expressly left for its decision by the Supreme Grand Master or the Great Priory, shall not be carried into effect until confirmed by Great Priory, unless the contrary intention be distinctly expressed. It may recommend for the consideration of Great Priory, any subject or matter relating to the Order which it may think proper, and at its meetings to be held at the Annual Assembly shall audit the accounts of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer for the year ending on the 30th day of June preceding.

42. The Grand Council may appoint from amongst its members Sub-Committees for the purpose of investigating and reporting on any subject or matter relating to the Order, and may summon any Preceptor to attend it and to produce the warrant, books, papers, or accounts of the Preceptory ; and may require any Knight to attend and to produce his certificate of registration. When any Preceptory shall be summoned by the Grand Council it

shall be represented by the Presiding Preceptor, Constable, Marshal, or other duly appointed representatives. (See Statute 75.)

43. All applications, petitions, complaints, or representations to the Grand Council shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, otherwise they shall not be entertained ; and the Grand Council may in its discretion, or if requested by the parties, proceed to hear or investigate any complaint on the written evidence, without requiring the attendance of the parties ; but should it decide otherwise, then the hearing shall be deferred until the complainant and defendant shall have been summoned to attend the Grand Council in relation to such complaint. Should the parties summoned fail to attend, the Grand Council may proceed on the written evidence. Any Knight dissatisfied with the decision of the Grand Council may appeal against such decision to Great Priory.

44. All proceedings of the Grand Council shall be fairly written by the Grand Chancellor in a book to be kept for that purpose.

PRECEPTORIES.

45. Every Preceptory must be constituted under a Warrant or Patent as set forth in Statute 88, and shall consist of a Presiding-Preceptor, Constable, Marshal, Chaplain, Registrar, Treasurer and Sub-Marshal to be elected annually ; a Captain of the Guard, Almoner, two Standard Bearers, a Sword Bearer, and an Organist, to be appointed by the Presiding-Preceptor immediately after his installation, one or two Guards to be chosen by show of hands ; and such other Knights as may be installed or admitted members therein.

46. The presence of a Preceptor of some registered Preceptory, and four other Knights at the least, is requisite to constitute a quorum of a Preceptory. This clause shall not apply to a Board of Installed Preceptors held for the purpose of installing a Preceptor in the chair which requires the presence of two Preceptors to form the same. The Warrant or Patent of constitution must at all times be in the Preceptory.

47. Every Preceptory shall meet monthly in such places as shall be mentioned in the Warrant or Patent, or in such other place or places as shall have been subsequently approved by the Supreme Grand Master and registered in the Registry of Great Priory. But any Preceptory may at pleasure, after due notice has been given, resolve on removing to other premises within the same city, town or place, and also on altering the days or times of its assemblies ; but no such removal or alteration shall take place until the expiration of one calendar month, nor until copies of the resolution for such changes shall have been sent to the Grand Chancellor, and also to the Provincial Grand Prior of the district, and approved by the Supreme Grand Master. A Preceptory may provide in its By-laws to omit holding regular meetings during the months of June, July or August.

48. If the meeting of any Preceptory at the usual premises shall, from any cause, be found impossible or improper, the Presiding-Preceptor may convene an Assembly of the Preceptory, to be held at any other premises to consider and determine the course to be adopted under the circumstances.

49. The Registrar of every Preceptory shall, seven days before each Assembly, issue the notices calling each

regular Assembly of the Preceptory, in accordance with the by-laws thereof and shall send a copy of the notice of each Assembly to the Supreme Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Prior.

50. An Emergent Assembly may be held at any time, when duly summoned by command of the Presiding-Preceptor. Every Assembly shall be summoned by the Registrar, seven days' notice being given, except in case of a funeral, when a notice by advertisement or otherwise is permissible.

51. Every Preceptory legally constituted by a Warrant from the Sovereign Great Priory, shall be governed by the Statutes, and shall adopt By-Laws and Regulations for its government, and amend them when deemed necessary, provided they are in conformity with said Statutes of Great Priory, and the General Laws and Regulations of the Order, and *do not contain any clause already provided for in the Statutes, or forming any part thereof.* The By-laws of every Preceptory shall state the place in which the Preceptory holds its assemblies, also the hours, days and times of meetings, and the date for holding the election and installation of officers.

52. The By-Laws of every Preceptory must be submitted to the Provincial Grand Prior for his recommendation, who shall forward them, with his remarks thereon, to the Grand Chancellor for approval by the Supreme Grand Master, and when they have been examined and approved by the Supreme Grand Master, shall become law ; a printed or written copy must be sent to the Grand Chancellor to be deposited in the Chancery of the Order. When any alteration shall be made in the By-Laws of a Preceptory, such alterations must in like manner be sub-

mitted for approval, and no laws or alterations shall be valid until so approved.

53. Preceptories may elect any Knight deemed worthy of the honor, an Honorary member of such Preceptory, subject to the conditions, and in the manner hereinafter provided for by Statute No. 59, except that it is not be necessary to sign any application.

53a. A Preceptory may provide in its by-laws for Life Membership upon such terms as may be decided upon, provided however, that a member shall not be entitled to Life Membership until he has been a member of a Preceptory for a period of fifteen years, and has paid the annual dues thereof, and a further sum of \$5.00 to be paid to Great Priory, which sum shall be paid to the Grand Chancellor before a Certificate of Life Membership shall issue.

54. Every Preceptory shall have a Seal for the purpose of being fixed to documents proper to be issued by the Preceptory. A draft of the design for the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Chancellor for approval by the Supreme Grand Master, and a perfect impression of the Seal shall be subsequently transmitted to the Grand Chancellor for registration.

55. Every Preceptory shall, *immediately after the 30th day of June of every year*, transmit to the Grand Chancellor on the forms provided by Great Priory, signed by the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar and over the Seal of the Preceptory, returns, giving its name, place and days of meeting, together with all changes in the Muster Roll, and the total of the membership for the year ending on the said 30th of June, specifying the same as installed,

joined, restored, withdrawn, expelled, suspended, or deceased, furnishing their respective Christian and Surnames in full, places of abode, their additions, professions or avocations, the names of the Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters in which they received the degrees, and the dates of their receiving the Degrees of Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason and Red Cross, and of their installation as Knights Templar and Knights of Malta; and in the case of affiliation, in addition names of the Preceptories in which they were installed, the dates of receiving the several Orders, and their rank in the Order. It shall be accompanied by a remittance of all fees and payments due to Great Priory. A separate return shall be made in the month of May of each year of all the elected and appointed officers with date of election and installation, also a list of the names of the Knights entitled to attend Great Priory as Preceptors, the Preceptories in which they respectively served in the office of Presiding-Preceptor, and the dates of their years of office.

56. Every Preceptory shall keep in a regular manner the following books: An Attendance Book, a Minute Book as set forth in the Appendix, a Treasurer's Book, a Guard Book for Applications, and a Muster Roll or Register, which must be produced when required by the proper authorities.

57. For the purpose of verifying the Registers, Preceptories shall, when required, make a full report of their Muster Roll, to the Grand Chancellor.

CANDIDATES.

58. Candidates for admission into the Order shall be Royal Arch Masons in good standing. They must be personally known to their proposers and seconders, and be well reputed for moral and gentlemanly conduct, and on being accepted shall receive the Orders in the following rotation : Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta.

59. Every candidate for admission to the Order in any Preceptory shall sign an application in the form prescribed in the Appendix, stating his Christian and Surname, and the place of his abode, and in addition, profession or avocation, and the name, number and place of meeting of his Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, together with the date of his raising and exaltation as a Master and Royal Arch Mason, which application shall be presented to the Preceptory, with the names of two Knights thereon recommending the same, and such information shall be inserted in the summons for the Assembly of the Preceptory at which the ballot is intended to be passed.

60. No application shall be received nor ballot taken in any Preceptory for the installation of a candidate into the Order *who is not a resident for twelve months* of the Province of the Dominion within which he seeks admission, or whose domicile or place of residence is nearer the place of meeting of another Preceptory, without a dispensation in each case of the Supreme Grand Master, except in cities or towns where there is more than one Preceptory, in which case each Preceptory has concurrent jurisdiction ; nor until a candidate shall have signed a declaration on his obligation as a Royal Arch Mason, stating

that he has not been rejected by any other Preceptory within a year ; and no one shall be installed into the Order or be admitted a joining member of any Preceptory, until previously balloted for in open Preceptory. Any candidate against whom two or more black balls appear shall be rejected unless a Preceptory has provided in its By-laws that the ballot be unanimous. Prior to his installation, he shall sign a declaration that he submits to, and will observe all the usages and customs of the Order and Statutes of Great Priory.

61. No petition shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected by any Preceptory within twelve months after such rejection, nor without corresponding with the Preceptory by which the rejection was made.

62. The jurisdiction of a Preceptory, except in cities or towns as stated in Section 60, extends in every direction half way to the nearest Preceptory or Masonic Hall or place where the Preceptory meets, within the Province of the Dominion where held.

63. No Preceptory shall instal a Knight into the Order for a less sum than *Twenty-five Dollars*, which shall include the fee to be paid to the Great Priory for registry and certificate, and a copy of the Statutes. But any Preceptory may admit without fee, not more than two Serving Fratres by dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master, who shall not, however, be members of the Preceptory.

64. Every Knight desirous of joining or affiliating with a Preceptory shall sign an application in the form prescribed in the Appendix. He must be proposed and seconded at some meeting of such Preceptory, stating his

Christian and Surnames, place of abode, addition, profession or avocation, and the name or title of the Preceptory wherein he was installed, and the date of his Installation, and the name, number and place of meeting of the Lodge and Chapter wherein he received the Master Mason and Royal Arch Degrees, with the dates thereof ; and his name, residence and the name of the Preceptory of which he was a member, shall be inserted in the summons for the next Assembly of the Preceptory after he shall have been proposed, otherwise he shall not be eligible to be elected

ELECTIONS.

65. Every Preceptory shall annually elect its Presiding-Preceptor and other elective officers by ballot at a Regular Assembly in the month of April in each year, and notice of such election, and the names of all Knights eligible for Presiding-Preceptor shall be inserted in the notice for said Assembly. The installation of the Officers shall take place not later than at the Regular Assembly held in the month of May. The Preceptor and other officers elected and appointed shall, on the elections being confirmed, be then duly installed and invested, provided, however, that no Presiding-Preceptor, Constable or Marshal shall be installed, until each has been examined by a board consisting of two Preceptors, and until said board shall certify, in writing, to the installing Preceptor, that the Sir Knights are fully familiar with the duties of their respective offices, and competent to perform the opening and closing of the Preceptory, and to confer the Templar Orders according to the prescribed work.

66. In case the election of any such Preceptor or other elective Officer or Officers elect shall not be confirmed, or if any such Preceptor or other elective officer or officers elect shall, without any reasonable excuse satisfactory to the Preceptory, neglect to attend at the next regular Assembly after his election for the purpose of being installed and invested, his or their election shall be void, and either at the next subsequent regular Assembly of the Preceptory (due notice having been given), or at some Assembly specially called for the purpose, a further election shall take place ; and at the next regular following or special Assembly called of the Preceptory, the Presiding-Preceptor and other elective Officer or Officers, shall, on their election being confirmed, be duly installed and invested.

67. If any such Preceptor or other elective Officer, or Officers elect, shall, for some reasonable cause, explained to the satisfaction of the next Regular Assembly after the election, be prevented from attending at such next regular Assembly then he or they may be installed and invested at some subsequent Assembly which may be either a regular Assembly or an Assembly specially called for the purpose, upon receiving a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master

68. The Presiding-Preceptor elect of any Preceptory may, in case of necessity, with the consent of the Supreme Grand Master or Provincial Grand Prior of the Province or District, be installed in any other Preceptory, on the production of a certificate of such election, and of the confirmation of the minutes at which the election was held, signed by the Presiding-Preceptor and the Registrar of

the Preceptory with the Seal attached, of which he has been elected Presiding-Preceptor.

69. No one shall be eligible for the office of Presiding-Preceptor unless he shall at the time of his election have served, or will at the next regular day of meeting of the Preceptory have served for the space of one whole year the office of Constable or Marshal in some registered Preceptory, except by a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master, or at the organization of a new Preceptory.

70. Every Presiding-Preceptor shall at the time of his installation appoint all the Officers of the Preceptory other than the elective Officers, but the Presiding-Preceptor elect of a Preceptory shall not assume the chair, or have any authority in a Preceptory until he shall have been regularly installed. He is responsible for the due observance by the members of his Preceptory of the By-laws of the same, and of the Statutes, Laws and Regulations of the Sovereign Great Priory.

71. A Presiding-Preceptor shall not continue in office for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master.

72. The name and address of every Presiding-Preceptor, and also the names and addresses of the Constable, Marshal, and other Officers shall, immediately after their respective installation be sent to the Grand Chancellor, on the proper form, signed by the two Installing Preceptors and the Registrar, with the Seal of the Preceptory attached.

73. If the Presiding-Preceptor of any Preceptory shall die, resign, be removed, or be incapable to dis-

charge the duties of his office, a special Assembly of the Preceptory shall, as soon as convenient, be summoned for the purpose of electing a Presiding-Preceptor in the place of such Presiding-Preceptor, and in the meantime, and until a Preceptor shall have been so elected and installed, the Assemblies of the Preceptory shall be summoned by the Registrar or a Preceptor.

74. In case the Presiding-Preceptor of any Preceptory shall be absent, or in the case of a vacancy in the office, the chair shall be taken by the last Presiding-Preceptor of such Preceptory, or by any other Preceptor present, and if there shall not be any Preceptor present the Knight senior in rank may preside and transact ordinary business, but no Knight under the rank of a Preceptor can confer the Orders.

75. The Presiding-Preceptor, the Constable and Marshal of every Preceptory are the representatives of such Preceptory, and shall answer all complaints against such Preceptory, and shall attend the Supreme Grand Master and the Grand Council whenever summoned by the Grand Chancellor, and shall produce the Warrant of the Preceptory, and all minute and other books and papers relating to the Preceptory which they may be required by the said summons to produce. A Preceptory may nevertheless appoint any Knight or Knights of eminence to be special representatives for the foregoing purposes, either alone or in addition thereto. (See Statute 42.)

VISITORS.

76. No visitor shall be admitted into any Preceptory unless he is personally known, recommended or well vouched for as a Knight of the Order, or whose presence would disturb the harmony of the Preceptory. And every visitor must, during his continuance in the Preceptory, be subject to and conform to the By-laws of the Preceptory.

77. A Knight who is not for the time being a subscribing member to some registered Preceptory shall not be entitled to visit the same Preceptory more than once.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

78. Any member of a Preceptory who is in arrears for dues to a Preceptory shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of such Preceptory and the Statutes of Great Priory. His dues shall cease from the time of his suspension, and he cannot be restored until the amount due at time of his suspension has been paid, with one dollar registration to be paid Great Priory.

79. In case no provision has been made in the By-laws of a Preceptory, for notice to and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted :

80. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Registrar of the Preceptory to read out the name of such member in default at an Assembly of the Preceptory, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular Assembly of the Preceptory to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with the statement of the amount of dues remain-

ing unpaid shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed (registered) to the last known address of such member.

81. In case such member shall not, before the next regular Assembly of the Preceptory, have paid the amount of his dues, or no such excuse be offered as the Preceptory may deem sufficient, the Presiding-Preceptor shall forthwith declare such Knight suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Registrar shall notify the Knight of such suspension.

82. If any excuse be offered, the Preceptory shall decide by a majority of the members then present whether the same is sufficient or not.

SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

83. Any member of the Order having charges regularly preferred against him for Offences as stated in the Regulations relating to trials, shall be tried, and, if the charges are proven, suspended in accordance with said Regulations.

83a. A Knight Templar who has been suspended or expelled by his Lodge, by the Grand Master or by Grand Lodge ; or by his Royal Arch Chapter, the Grand First Principal, or by Grand Chapter for unmasonic conduct, shall also stand suspended from his Preceptory privileges while his Craft or Chapter discipline continues in force.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

84. Every Knight or Initiate received into a Preceptory must be enrolled in the Registry of the Sovereign Great Priory. Every Candidate received shall be entitled, on his Installation as a Companion of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, to a Certificate of

his registration. Every Preceptory shall include when making the annual returns to the Grand Chancellor the fee for such Certificate of Registration for every member fully installed therein.

FEES.

85. The following shall be the fees payable to the Sovereign Great Priory :

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| For a new Warrant granted direct by Great Priory . . . | \$50 00 |
| For a Dispensation for a new Preceptory granted by the Supreme Grand Master | 40 00 |
| For a Warrant from Great Priory confirming the Grand Master's Dispensation | 10 00 |
| For a new Warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise | 10 00 |
| For a Dispensation to install a candidate residing without the jurisdiction of the Preceptory | 10 00 |
| For a Dispensation to wear Regalia or Uniform in public, or for other purposes (Statute 118) | 1 00 |
| For a Dispensation to install as Preceptor a Knight not legally qualified (Statute 69) | 1 00 |
| For a Dispensation to install a Serving Frater (Statute 63) | 1 00 |
| For a Certificate of Registration as a Companion of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta | 2 00 |
| For a Certificate of Installation as Preceptor | 1 00 |
| For Registration of each member admitted | 1 00 |
| For Registration of a <i>joining</i> or <i>restored</i> Knight Templar | 1 00 |

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| For Registration as a Life Member of a Preceptory | \$5 00 |
| For Annual fee for every member of a Preceptory on the Roll on the 30th June each year.... | 50 |
| For a Copy of the Ceremonies of the Order.... | 2 00 |
| For each Copy of the Statutes | 20 |

WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS.

86. All petitions for Warrants or Patents for constituting or holding Preceptories, shall be signed by at least seven Knights of the Order of the Temple in good standing, and be recommended by the Provincial Grand Prior of the Province or District where said Preceptory is to be held, and shall be transmitted to the Grand Chancellor for presentation to the Supreme Grand Master, and the Knights signing such petition shall state their respective ranks and the Preceptories of which they then are, or were, members. All petitions shall include a name for the Preceptory, which must not be that of any living person.

87. Provisional Warrants or Dispensations, duly attested by the Grand Chancellor, may be granted in accordance with the Statutes, for constituting or holding Preceptories at such places as the Supreme Grand Master shall think proper, such Provisional Warrants or Dispensations to remain in force until the next Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory and no longer.

88. Warrants for constituting Preceptories shall be issued under the direct authority, and under the Great Seal of Great Priory, and be signed by the Supreme Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and attested by

the Grand Chancellor and Grand Registrar, authorizing the holding of Councils of the Order of the Red Cross, and Assemblies of Knights Templar, and Priors of the Order of Malta.

89. All applications for Warrants, Dispensations, Diplomas or Certificates of Installation, or of appointment to office, shall be made to the Grand Chancellor, and no such Warrant, Dispensation, Diploma or Certificate shall be issued until payment of the fee for the same has been made.

90. The Supreme Grand Master may grant Dispensations as laid down in Statute 23, whenever he may deem it advisable in the interests of the Order.

91. No Preceptory shall grant any private Certificate whatsoever to any Knight of the Order, except a Certificate of withdrawal (see Appendix) which shall be issued free of charge.

COUNCILS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS.

92. A Council of the Order of the Red Cross is covered by the Warrant of the Preceptory, the officers of the Preceptory being the officers of the Council, as follows :

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| Presiding Preceptor..... | Sovereign Master. |
| Corstable..... | Prince Chancellor. |
| Marshal..... | Prince Master of the Palace. |
| Chaplain..... | Excellent High Priest. |
| Treasurer..... | Master of Finance. |
| Sub-Marshal..... | Master of Cavalry. |
| Almoner..... | Master of Infantry. |

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| Registrar..... | Master of Despatches. |
| Standard Bearer..... | Standard Bearer. |
| Sword Bearer..... | Sword Bearer. |
| Captain of Guard..... | Warder. |
| Guard..... | Sentinel. |

PRIORIES OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES AND MALTA.

93. Priories must be held in every registered Preceptory, and the officers of the Preceptory shall be the officers of the Priory as follows :

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| Presiding Preceptor.... | Eminent Prior. |
| Constable..... | Captain-General. |
| Marshal..... | 1st Lieut. Commander. |
| Sub-Marshal..... | 2nd Lieut. Commander. |
| 1st Standard Bearer ... | 3rd Lieut. Commander. |
| Captain of Guard..... | Captain of Outpost. |

Registrar, Chaplain, Treasurer and Guard, same as in the Order of the Temple.

94. Every candidate for admission to the Order of Malta must have been unanimously elected by ballot in a Preceptory, and have received the Orders of Companion of the Red Cross and Knight of the Temple, in a legally constituted Preceptory or Commandery of Knights Templar, before said Order of Malta is conferred. After having been balloted for and accepted in a Preceptory, a ballot in the Priory is not permissible.

THE JEWELS.

95. The Jewel of the Supreme Grand Master to be the United Orders Cross, viz. : The Red Cross of the Temple combined with the eight white pointed Cross of Malta, over all the "*Beaucean*," shield, charged with a sprig of gold maple leaves in chief, and the red cross of Salem in base. A sword and Grand Master's Baton in saltire behind the shield, ends projecting. The cross surmounted by a Celestial Crown.

96. The Past Grand Master's to have a similar jewel but in place of the Crown a Helmet.

97. The Deputy Grand Master to be the same without the shield, and instead of the Grand Baton a Baculus.

98. The Past Deputy Grand Master to have the same without the Helmet.

99. Provincial or District Grand Priors, the United Orders Cross, within a red enameled garter on which in golden letters the name of the Province or District, surmounted by a gold beaver for crest.

100. Past Provincial or District Grand Priors, the same without the name of the Province or District.

Grand Chancellor, the purse and sword, horizontal.

Grand Chaplain, Patriarchal Cross and Crosier in saltire.

Grand Constable, crossed swords, points downwards.

Grand Marshal, crossed batons.

Grand Treasurer, crossed keys.

Grand Registrar, scroll and crossed pens.

Grand Vice-Chancellor, crossed pens.

Grand Sub-Marshal, sword and baton crossed.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, a baton.

Grand Almoner, a Palmer's staff and scrip.

Grand Captain of the Guard, the battle-axe with motto, "*Castrum Vigilo.*"

Grand First and Second Standard Bearers, the Beaucant triple cloven pennon.

Grand Master's Banner Bearer, a square banner charged with a triple cross of Salem on a shield.

Grand Sword Bearer, the sword erect.

Grand Organist, the harp.

Grand Pursuivant, the trumpet.

Grand Guard, a spear and sword crossed.

101. The emblems or devices of the Officers on the Jewels to be placed on a white enameled circle in the centre of the Red Cross Patee, which should be three inches in diameter, the said circle to be one inch and a quarter in diameter. The Patriarchal staff, purse and crossed batons to be red with gold or gilt edges, and the crosier, handles of swords, battle-axe, cross keys, and poles of pennons to be gold or gilt.

102. The Jewels of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Priors, to be suspended to a Gold Bar by gold linked chains. The Bar to be enameled, white ground with gold letters, the Grand Master to have "S.G.M. of Canada," and all other Grand or Past Grand Officers to have the words "K.T. of Canada."

103. The Jewel of a Preceptor to be the Red Patriarchal Cross suspended by the ribbon of the Order, worn round the neck, red with white edges, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.

104. All other Knights, the Red Cross of the Order, viz. : a Greek Cross (Patee) spread out at the extremities, worn on the left breast attached to the same ribbon.

THE STAR.

105. Every Knight should wear on the left breast a Silver Star with seven points, each Star to have a red Passion Cross on a white circle in the centre, with the motto, *In hoc signo vinces*, round the circles. Preceptors to have the Patriarchal Cross and the Grand Master the Cross of Salem in the place of the Passion Cross.

THE JEWELS OF MALTA.

106. Priors or Commanders of Malta, may wear a white enameled eight-pointed Cross of Malta, set in gold with gold maple leaves in the four centre angles of the Cross and surmounted by a Celestial Crown, to be suspended by a black silk watered ribbon from the neck, or to the breast from a bar which may have the words enameled thereon, "Kt. of Malta."

107. The Jewels of all other Knights of Malta to be without the Crown and worn suspended by a black silk watered ribbon on the left breast.

BANNERS.

108. The Standards of the United Orders to be of a parallelogramic form.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

109. The Templar "*Beauceant*," per fesse, sable and argent, and shall have a red Passion Cross on the white ground with the motto, "*Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam*," on a ribbon or garter.

110. The "*Vexillum Belli*" the red Cross Patee, on a white field.

ORDER OF MALTA.

111. Standard of St. John, on a red field, a white plain Cross with the "*Agnus Dei*" in the centre, and the letters F E R T, one in each quarter of the Cross.

112. Standard of Malta, on a black field, a white eight-pointed Cross of Malta, charged with the Cross (arms) of St. John, on a small red escutcheon.

RED CROSS BANNER.

113. The banner to be of green silk. In the centre a Star of seven points painted in gold ; on this Star a circle with the motto, "*Magna est Veritas, et prævalebit* ; within the circle the blood red Cross of the Order, on the arms of the Cross the letters D T J L in black.

PRECEPTORY BANNERS.

114. Each Preceptory may have a Banner with such armorial bearings or appropriate device or design, pertaining to the Order of the Temple, as may be approved by the Supreme Grand Master.

BATONS.

115. The Baton of Office of the Supreme Grand Master, shall be of Ebony mounted in gold and surmounted by the "Cross of Salem."

116. The Batons of office (baculus) of the elected Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors to have the United Order Cross at the top within a gilt octagon.

117. The Baton of office of a Preceptor to be surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross.

COSTUME.

118. No Knight shall be admitted into Great Priory, or any Preceptory unless wearing the proper costume or uniform of the Order, nor wear said costume or uniform of the Order in public, without a dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master.

119. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Sovereign Great Priory or subordinate bodies which does not pertain to those Orders acknowledged by Great Priory, and conferred by its subordinates.

120. The following costume with Jewels and insignia shall be worn at the Assemblies of the Sovereign Great Priory and at meetings of Preceptories and Priories of the United Orders.

THE MANTLE.

121. The Mantle to be worn by Templars in their Preceptories shall be of white camlet or woollen stuff, with a hood, and the Red Cross (Patee) of the Order on the left shoulder in silk or velvet. The hood to be lined with white serge or silk, and have white cords with tassels

to fasten round the neck. All who have attained the rank of Preceptor shall use the Patriarchal or *double* barred Cross, 10½ inches long, the hood to be lined with red serge or silk and to have red cords and tassels of the same color.

IN A PRIORY OF MALTA.

122. Knights shall wear a black Mantle with a white eight-pointed Cross of Malta in silk, linen or velvet, on the left shoulder, and a hood lined with white, the cord and tassels to fasten the mantle to be also white.

123. The Officers may wear in addition a red Tunic, with a plain white equal limbed Cross, placed on the centre of the breast. A cap of Red Cloth or Velvet with Ermine band, and black gloves.

CHAPLAINS.

124. Chaplains in the Preceptory shall wear a black Tunic with sleeves, having a long red Passion Cross on the breast, extending to skirt, and a black silk-corded girdle with tassels to fasten round the waist; they may also wear the Mantle of the Templar or Malta Order over this tunic when officiating in either Orders. Chaplains are not to be armed.

THE SASH.

125. Knights may wear a black silk watered ribbon four inches wide with black silk fringe.

Preceptors may wear the same ribbon but intersected by a white stripe, and gold fringe.

The sash of Elected Officers of the Sovereign Great Priory to be intersected by two white stripes.

UNIFORM.

1. Members of Preceptories when in uniform shall wear the following, but at Assemblies of a Preceptory, or in Great Priory the white Mantle shall also be worn, as described in Statute 121 :

FULL DRESS.

127. Black frock coat, black pants, sword, belt, chapeau, cape, white gloves and shoulder straps.

COAT.

128. Preceptors, Officers and Past Officers of the Great Priory shall wear a double-breasted frock coat of black cloth, the skirts to extend within 22 inches from the ground. There shall be two rows of oval black buttons on the breast, nine in each row, set in rows of three at equal distance apart, with space between each set of three buttons. The distance between the rows shall not be less than five inches at the top and three inches at the bottom. The skirts to have side edges that extend to the lower tack of the pocket where they are ornamented with a button. A standing collar not less than 1, nor more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, with plain edge, fronts close to the throat, the lining of coat black, and all buttons cloth covered. The sleeves to have the appropriate cross instead of cuffs ; for Sir Knights, the Passion Cross of red velvet, two inches long, edges and rays of silver embroidery ; for Preceptors, Officers and past Officers of Great Priory, the Patriarchal Cross of purple velvet, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, edged with gold embroidery ; for the Supreme Grand Master and Past Supreme Grand Masters, the Cross of Salem, of purple velvet, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, edged with gold embroidery.

For Sir Knights below the rank of Preceptor, the coat shall be single-breasted with nine buttons on the front.

PANTS.

129. Pants of black Venetian worsted cloth.

CHAPEAU.

130. For Preceptors, Officers and past Officers of Great Priory, the regular Templar chapeau, covered with black plush and bound with black silk velvet, two small black plumes on upper edges of chapeau, surmounted with one large black ostrich plume; on left side of chapeau, the Patriarchal Cross on black satin rosette; a gold lace band one inch wide running diagonally across chapeau on each side front and back, and gold tassel on front.

For Sir Knights the same chapeau, but with Passion Cross of red velvet three inches high, edged with silver embroidery, and no lace or tassel.

CAP.

131. To be of black silk, or cloth, crown three inches high, straight visor and round corners; visor of black patent leather and trimmed as follows, viz.: for Preceptors and officers of Great Priory, on front the proper Cross of their rank, gold wire lace band, one inch wide, gold wire chin cord, gold plated side buttons with cross and crown;

For Sir Knights, the same cap with black navy lace band one inch wide, silver side buttons, passion cross of red velvet, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches, edges and rays of silver embroidery on front. Preceptories may adopt a cap with visor turned down over the forehead.

BELT.

132. For Preceptors and past and present Officers of Great Priory, to be of black leather, faced with gold braid four strips $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart, the whole to be $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide. Belt plate or clasp of armorial design, oval centre gold plated, centre to contain Patriarchal Cross. Gold-plated chains, armor hangers, cap hangers and metal slides.

For Sir Knights, belt of black enameled leather, stitched with white silk; belt clasp silver plated, with red Passion Cross in centre, chains, etc., same as for Preceptor, only silver-plated.

Preceptories who wish may adopt straps of black leather to take the place of barrel chains. Preceptor's straps to be faced with gold braid.

WORD.

133. For Sir Knights, to be of the proper length according to the height of wearer, helmet head, cross handle, metal scabbard; suspended by three metal rings and ornamented with usual Templar designs; scabbard to be nickle-plated and all mountings to be silver-plated. Sword hilt of white ivory bearing a black Passion Cross, reverse of hilt may have bearer's monogram.

For Preceptors, the same, except they shall have gold plated scabbard and trimmings.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

134. Of purple velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with two rows of gold embroidery, the inner row slightly higher than outside, with Patriarchal Cross in centre, embroidered in gold, shall only be worn by Preceptors and Officers and past Officers of Great Priory. For Supreme Grand Master, the same, except the Cross of

Salem in the centre. The Constable and Marshal of a Preceptory in order to distinguish their rank may, however, wear shoulder straps of green velvet, with single row of silver embroidery and a Passion Cross with rays in silver in the centre.

GLOVES.

135. Of white buckskin, kid or lisle thread.

CAPE.

136. Of black beaver lined with black farmer's satin, with Red Templar Cross stitched in on the left side. Cape to be of sufficient length to extend to the length of arm and finger extended, the same to be buttoned with a false fly of three buttons, turn down collar of beaver or velvet, the fall of the same to be 3 inches deep.

AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES.

137. No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to the Statutes, unless notice thereof in writing has been given at the previous Annual Assembly of Great Priory, or, failing that, shall have been sent to the Grand Chancellor on or before the 31st day of May preceding the Annual Assembly of Great Priory. A copy of such notice shall be inserted in the summons that is sent to

Preceptory by the Grand Chancellor. Every such notice of motion shall be considered by the Grand Council and report made thereon through the Committee on Jurisprudence, and read to Sovereign Great Priory before the motion is considered. The consent of at least two-thirds of the Knights present at the Annual Assembly, shall be necessary to carry any such proposed alteration or amendment.

REGULATIONS

Respecting Trials for Templar Offences

OFFENCES.

The following are the offences for which a Knight Templar may be tried :

1. All public crimes, misdemeanors, and offences against the laws of God or the ordinances of the Realm.

Drunkenness.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious associations, whether with the relative of a Knight Templar, or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Contempt for God or religion.

Atheism.

Holding communion with clandestine Knights Templar or irregular bodies of Knights Templar.

Improper revelations.

Disobedience to those in authority, or contemptuous language towards them.

All countenance of impostors.

Contemptuous expressions respecting the Order of the Temple.

Wronging a Knight Templar by fraud.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot, except during a Templar trial.

Unseemly conduct in a Preceptory.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Red Cross, Knight Templar or Knight of Malta obligations.

Any violations of the particular injunctions of the ritual.

Any violations of the statutes, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of the Sovereign Great Priory.

Any violation of the by-laws of a Preceptory by a member thereof.

JURISDICTION.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Preceptory, a Knight must be tried by the Preceptory to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence, a Knight may be tried either by the Preceptory to which he belongs, or by the Preceptory nearest his place of residence.

4. A trial in either Preceptory, followed by conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

CHARGES

5. All charges of un-Knightly conduct shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Knight Templar in good standing.

6. All charges and particulars shall be filed in duplicate with the Registrar of the Preceptory, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the Preceptory that such charges have been received, and that they will be read at the next regular Assembly, which shall be held not less than one month after the charges have been received ; and at such Assembly, the charges shall be read in open Assembly of the Preceptory.

7. The trial of the charge may proceed at any Assembly appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed ; and in case the trial is not completed at one Assembly it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS, NOTICES, ETC.

8. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the Preceptory shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted, and the accused Knight be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed ; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present ; such charges may be amended by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

9. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Preceptory, the Presiding-Preceptor shall appoint the time and place for trial and shall cause the accused to be

served with a copy of the charges and particulars, signed by the Registrar, and with a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof ; *Provided always*, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

10. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person or by some Knight authorized in writing to act as his counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the district in which the Preceptory is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by registered mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or with a grown up member of his family ; and upon proof that the notice has been sent to him, or left for him as above prescribed, the Preceptory at the time in such notice specified may proceed without his presence, and conduct the proceedings to a final issue ; *Provided*, that at least one regular Assembly shall intervene between the time of mailing, sending or leaving such notice, and any action by the Preceptory in pursuance thereof. In such cases the Preceptory shall appoint a competent Knight to act as counsel for, or representative of the accused.

11. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Knight Templar present while the Preceptory is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Presiding-Preceptor may order the offending Knight to show cause *instantly* why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion, proceed, or permit the Preceptory to proceed to trial and suspension.

TRIAL, WITNESS AND TESTIMONY.

12. All Knights Templar in good standing, whether affiliated or not, shall be competent witnesses in Templar trials.

13. Every Knight shall give his testimony on his honor and obligation as a Knight Templar. Witnesses who are Freemasons and not Knights Templar shall give their testimony on their obligations as Masons.

14. All witnesses who are not Masons shall be any person of sound mind, of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and they shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The evidence of such persons must be received with caution when disputed by the accused, and, in fact, should be admitted only when their evidence cannot be supplied by a Knight, unless in cases requiring corroborative testimony.

15. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any trial of a Templar. The status of a Knight Templar under charges is not affected until after conviction.

16. The testimony of witnesses who are Knights Templar, may be taken in open Assembly, or by a special committee appointed by the Presiding-Preceptor. Witnesses who are not Knights Templar shall be examined only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Presiding-Preceptor. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by a Knight Templar, as counsel or representative shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

17. The testimony of witnesses, unable to attend the Preceptory or a committee, may be taken by deposition before a Knight Templar, authorized in writing for such purpose by the Presiding-Preceptor, or by the Provincial Grand Prior, if the Presiding-Preceptor be interested, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

18. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Knights Templar, and through the Presiding-Preceptor and Registrar of the Preceptory, they may, when necessary, summon for such purpose any resident Knight Templar, whether he be a member of the Preceptory or not.

19. When testimony is taken in open Assembly, the Preceptory shall be opened in due form, and the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by the Preceptory.

20. The Presiding-Preceptory shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence, and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Registrar or other person appointed for that purpose by the Presiding-Preceptor, shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both the prosecution and the defence, and note all objections made by either party, and the rulings of the Presiding-Preceptor, and the record thereof shall be filed among the archives of the Preceptory; and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Preceptory records.

21. At the conclusion of the evidence, the accused and the accuser in person, or their counsel or represen-

tative, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Preceptory upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper ; after which the accused and the accuser shall retire from the Preceptory. Any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case, and of the law, and of the facts involved ; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Preceptory until after final action, except for urgent cause, and by consent of two-thirds of the members present.

22. When a committee is appointed, as before mentioned, it shall consist of not less than three members of the Preceptory, any of whom if objected to by either of the parties for cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, shall be removed by the Presiding-Preceptor, and another appointed.

23. Every such committee shall convene and select from their number a Chairman and Secretary ; and when so organized, shall have power, through the Presiding-Preceptor and Registrar of the Preceptory, to summon before them the accused and accuser with their respective witnesses.

24. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions as far as applicable. The duties of the Presiding-Preceptor and Registrar of the Preceptory above prescribed, shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

25. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Templarism and the full investigation of the complaints before them ; *Provided* that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accused and the accuser will permit.

26. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Preceptory, and upon retirement of the accused and accuser, any member of the Preceptory present may express his views of the case ; and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read, as he may require to enable him to come to a decision.

27. A Knight against whom charges have been preferred may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

28. In case an accused Knight shall plead guilty, such plea may be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary ; but such plea shall not excuse the Preceptory from voting upon the question of guilt and innocence.

29. No visitor shall attend the Preceptory or committee for any purpose other than giving evidence during any of the proceedings of a trial of a Knight Templar, unless permission be granted by the Presiding-Preceptor, or by the Preceptory, or by the committee, when the proceedings are before a committee, and such permission shall not be granted if the accused or accuser objects.

JUDGMENT.

30. Upon conclusion of the trial, the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Presiding-Preceptor, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately ; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot ; and it shall require a vote of a majority to sustain any charge.

31. If any charge shall be sustained, the accused shall be then and there declared guilty, and the Presiding-Preceptor shall put the question as to whether the accused shall be *suspended, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded*. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present. The Preceptory may also, by a like vote, recommend to the Sovereign Great Priory that the offender be *expelled*.

32. When any Knight, after due trial, shall be found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight Templar, punishment shall follow which shall be proportionate to the offence.

33. When any Knight shall have been *suspended* by a Preceptory *he shall be notified of such action by the Registrar*, who shall immediately report the same to the Grand Chancellor. When any Knight shall have been *acquitted* *he shall be notified of the same by the Presiding-Preceptor in open Preceptory, as well as by the Registrar, in writing*.

PUNISHMENT.

34. The punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Preceptories for conduct unbecoming a Knight Templar, after due trial and conviction, shall be in the discretion of the Preceptory, either *indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand*.

35. Suspension for any offence subjects an offender during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order of the Temple to the offender and his family.

36. Suspension shall require the vote of a majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately, provided, that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than three years, nor for a less time than three months.

37 Reprimand shall be the least Templar punishment and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present ; the reprimand shall be administered in open Preceptory by the Presiding-Preceptory.

APPEALS.

38. Any Knight who has been subject to the foregoing proceedings of a Preceptory, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser, or any member of the Preceptory, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence therein in his case rendered or adjudged, and from any vote or decision of a Preceptory upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Supreme Grand Master or to the Sovereign Great Priory.

39. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Preceptory shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of a Preceptory appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Chancellor thirty days prior to the next succeeding Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, if possible.

40. The appellant shall give the Preceptory whose decision is appealed from, notice of his intention, within

twenty-one days after receiving notice of its decision ; and the Registrar of such Preceptory, under the direction of the Presiding-Preceptor, shall, at least ten days before the Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, produce to the Grand Chancellor, and also give to the appellant, and to any Knight affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, a copy of all the charges, papers and proceedings and evidence in the case, certified by the Registrar of the Preceptory ; provided the time herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the Annual Assembly aforesaid ; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, or may be disposed of by the Supreme Grand Master during recess of the Great Priory, subject to an appeal to Great Priory.

41. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any Preceptory, the Supreme Grand Master or the Sovereign Great Priory may, upon investigation—

(a) Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings or affirm the decision appealed from ; or

(b) Modify or change a decision or sentence, or inflict a penalty where the constituent Preceptory has failed to do so ; or

(c) Set aside the proceedings of the Preceptory for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings ; or

(d) Give such directions as may appear reasonable and proper.

42. An appeal may also be taken to the Provincial Grand Prior of the district for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, but not on questions of fact.

43. On such appeal, the Provincial Grand Prior may either dismiss the appeal or set aside the proceedings, and order a new trial.

44. In all cases of appeal, the Supreme Grand Master or the Sovereign Great Priory may authorize the Provincial Grand Prior to investigate the case and report, with his opinion thereon.

45. The Provincial Grand Prior may hear and determine any subject of complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Supreme Grand Master or the Great Priory.

46. The decision or sentence of the Provincial Great Prior, shall, in all cases be subject to appeal to the Supreme Grand Master or Great Priory.

47. Whenever Great Priory or the Supreme Grand Master or Provincial Grand Prior, on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Preceptory, resulting in the suspension of a Knight, shall reverse or annul the judgment of said proceedings or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused shall have had fourteen clear days notice thereof.

48. Every Preceptory shall communicate to the Grand Chancellor and to the Provincial Grand Prior of the District in which the Preceptory is situated, all suspensions as they may severally occur.

49. When the Presiding-Preceptor is concerned in any way with, or is interested in any charges, the Provincial Grand Prior of the district within which the Preceptory is situate, shall, for the purpose of all preliminary proceedings, and of the trial and judgment thereon, supersede the Presiding-Preceptor and perform all the duties and functions of the Presiding-Preceptor as are required of and laid down for him in these regulations.

PRESIDING-PRECEPTORS AND PRECEPTORIES.

50. A Presiding-Preceptor may be tried by his Preceptory after the expiration of his official term, for any conduct unbecoming a Knight Templar (except for official misconduct or violation of his official obligations). All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

51. When a controversy shall arise between Preceptories or between a Preceptory and its Presiding-Preceptor, or charges being preferred, or any informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Chancellor who shall forward the same to the Supreme Grand Master ; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person or appoint a commission of not more than seven or less than three Preceptors, with, if consistent, the Provincial Grand Prior as chairman (provided he has not

been in any way connected with the case) to investigate such charges or complaints ; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses, and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Supreme Grand Master ; and said commission shall make such report and give such opinion to the Supreme Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

52. When a Presiding-Preceptor, or other Officer of a Preceptory shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

RESTORATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS.

53. A suspended Knight may be restored by the Sovereign Great Priory or by the Preceptory which suspended him.

54. A Knight suspended for an indefinite period, seeking restoration, shall petition the Preceptory by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular assembly of the Preceptory, and shall lie over until the next regular assembly thereafter, before final action thereon.

55. The Registrar of the Preceptory shall notify all the members of the Preceptory of such petition, at least one week before the assembly at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

56. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present for its adoption.

57. If the Preceptory has ceased to exist, the petition may be directed to Sovereign Great Priory.

SUSPENSION AND NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

58. Any Knight suspended for non-payment of dues, seeking reinstatement, shall, on payment of the amount due at the time of his suspension, and one dollar to be paid to Great Priory for his registration, be restored to membership without presenting such petition ; *Provided* that if the Preceptory from which a Knight shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made to the Sovereign Great Priory.

59. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation : and any Knight so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership, and all the rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Preceptory.

60. In all cases of restoration by the Sovereign Great Priory, the restored Knight resumes the status of a non-affiliated Knight.

61. In all cases of restoration by a Preceptory, the Knight is restored to all his rights and privileges, including membership in his Preceptory.

FORMS.

FORMS OF ENTRY IN THE MINUTE-BOOK OF "PRECEPTORIES" AND "PRIORIES."

*Minutes of the Regular Assembly of Preceptory No.
held at on the day of A.D. A. O.*

PRESENT.

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| Em. | Sir | Kt. | | Presiding-Preceptor. |
| Sir | Knight | | | Constable. |
| " | " | | | Marshal. |
| " | " | | | Chaplain. |
| " | " | | | Registrar. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Treasurer. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Sub-Marshal. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Captain of Guard. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Almoner. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | 1st Standard Bearer. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | 2nd " " |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Sword Bearer. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Organist. |
| " | " | ..... | ..... | Guard. |

The roll of members was called, and were present :
(The names of Visiting Knights, with the names of the Precep-
tories or Commanderies to which they do or did belong, to be re-
corded.)

OPEN PRECEPTORY.

The Preceptory was opened in proper form at [giving the hour.]

The Minutes of the last Regular Assembly [and subsequent
Special Assemblies, if any, were read and confirmed.

PETITIONS FOR ADMISSION.

It was moved by Sir Knight seconded by Sir Knight
..... That the application of R. Arch Companion
be received, and placed on the Minutes, to be balloted for at next
Regular Assembly, for Reception into the United Orders. [The
same form for joining members, substituting the words "Sir Knight"
for "Companion" and "to become a member," in the place of "for
reception," etc., etc.]

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

(If the By-laws do not require that all petitions be referred to the
Council.)

The Presiding-Preceptor appointed Sir Knight and
..... a Committee to make the necessary inquiries on the
application of for admission, and to report thereon at
the next Assembly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The Committee on the Petition of R Arch Companion an Aspirant for Installation, reported favorable [or unfavorably, as the case may be], which report on motion of Sir Knight seconded by Sir Knight was received.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

(The minutes of council on petitions are then read.)

BALLOT.

The Presiding-Preceptor ordered the Ballot to be passed for R Arch Companion an Aspirant for Installation into the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the "United Orders" of the Temple and Malta, which was taken, and on examination, declared in favor of (or against) the Candidate. (The same form will apply to joining members, using the term "Sir Knight" for "Companion" and the words "become a member" for "installation," etc., etc.)

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were presented for payment :
[Insert accounts and amounts.]

On motion of Sir Knight seconded by Sir Knight the account [or accounts] was [or were] ordered to be paid.

REPORTS GENERAL.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration [here state the subject] submitted the following report, which on motion of Sir Knight seconded by Sir Knight was received and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES.

The same form, only insert the specific business.

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS.

A Council of the Red Cross was opened at p.m., with the following officers (see Statute) and the following Companions were admitted and dubbed Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Council was closed and Preceptory resumed labor.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Petition from "Aspirant" (name) with declaration duly signed and witnessed, having been laid before the Presiding-Preceptor and Assembly, was examined, and found satisfactory, when the "Aspirant" on being properly prepared as a "Pilgrim," was duly received as a "NOVICE OF THE TEMPLE."

The "Installation" ceremony was then proceeded with, at the solicitation of "NOVICE," that he be admitted to the privileges of the Order as a professed Knight; and he was accordingly duly "Installed" and dubbed a Knight of the Temple.

It being always desirable to complete the whole ceremony of the Order of the Temple at the same Assembly [rather than "to postpone part to a subsequent one"], the Minutes should read, "the newly installed Knight was then prepared as a 'Penitent' 'Consecrated,' Invested, and proclaimed a duly 'installed' and 'Consecrated' Knight of the Order of the Temple in Canada."

RECESS.

The Preceptory was then called off for minutes at o'clock, and resumed its duties at o'clock.

CLOSING OF PRECEPTORY.

(The Preceptory was closed at o'clock, with Benediction in the name of the Three Scriptural Offices of the Great Captain of our Salvation).

(It is absolutely necessary that the Preceptory be closed with the proper ceremonies according to the Ritual.)

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Registrar. *Presiding-Preceptor.*

INSTRUCTIONS.

When a Priory of Malta is opened to receive a Knight of the Temple as a "Postulant," the same forms are to be observed in recording the minutes, substituting the words "Priory of Malta," for "Preceptory."

For the sake of clearness and distinction a space should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made on its subject.

Each Preceptory must keep an Attendance Register outside the Assembly room for members and visitors to enter their names, and it is the duty of the Guard and Sub-Marshal to see this done before notice is given to the Preceptory of their being present.

Always enter in the minutes the number of members present at each Assembly.

It must be borne in mind, that no visiting Knight, unless he is a subscribing member to some regular Preceptory, has a right to claim admittance to any Preceptory more than once in the twelve months of his "non" affiliation.

The Minutes are to be read at Regular Assemblies only. The minutes of the previous Regular Assembly are first read and confirmed, then those of the subsequent special Assemblies are to be read for confirmation.

The Registrar of a Preceptory should keep a rough minute-book, to enter the proceedings as they occur, and afterwards copy them in the regular Minute-book, to which he should attach his signature; and when they have been read and confirmed at the next Regular Assembly, the Presiding-Preceptor should sign them in the right-hand corner.

It is usual on the presentation of a report from a Committee, for the Chairman to move its reception and adoption; if open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception and then the adoption.

FORM OF PETITION FOR WARRANT FOR NEW PRECEPTORY

TO THE MOST EMINENT THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER OF THE
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF THE UNITED, RELIGIOUS AND
MILITARY ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE, AND OF ST. JOHN OF
JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES AND MALTA IN AND FOR
THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

The PETITION of the undersigned KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—
SHEWETH,

*N.B.—The place,
Province and style
must be accurately
set out, and the
days of meeting
must be fixed.*

That your petitioners being regularly installed
Knights of the Temple, belonging to the Precep-
tories mentioned against their respective names,
having the prosperity of the Order at heart, are
desirous of establishing a Preceptory at
in the County of _____ in the Province of
_____ Dominion of Canada, under the
style and title of _____ Preceptory, to meet
at _____ on the _____; there to discharge
their duties according to the usages, customs,
statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of
the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

And we do nominate and recommend :
Sir Knight _____ to be the first Presiding-Preceptor;
Sir Knight _____ to be the Constable;
Sir Knight _____ to be the Marshal;
Sir Knight _____ to be the Registrar of
the said Preceptory.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray :

That a warrant, under your hand and the Seal of the Sovereign
Great Priory, be granted, empowering them to meet as aforesaid,
they hereby promising strict obedience to the Most Eminent the
Supreme Grand Master, and to the usages, customs, statutes, rules,
regulations and ordinances of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,
and all laws as of ancient right accustomed.

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| As witness our hands, this | _____ day of _____ | 19 _____ |
| A. B. (rank) of _____ | Preceptory _____ | |
| C. D. " _____ | " _____ | |
| E. F. " _____ | " _____ | |
| G. H. " _____ | " _____ | |
| I. J. " _____ | " _____ | |
| K. L. " _____ | " _____ | |
| M. N. " _____ | " _____ | |

*N. B.—To prevent
error, copies of the
signatures should ac-
company the petition
written at full length
and in a plain hand.*

I hereby approve of this Petition, and
recommend that the Prayer of the said peti-
tioners be granted.

*The Petition must,
be forwarded through
the Provincial Prior
of the District, and
bear his approval
and reach the Su-
preme Grand Master
through the Grand
Chancellor.*

†
Provincial Prior.
for

[Residence and Date]

N.B.—The above form can be obtained from the Grand Chancellor

[WARRANT]

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

OF THE UNITED RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE,
AND OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES AND MALTA.

‡ SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

Health.

‡ DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Peace.

Goodwill.

No.

Whereas, a Dispensation, bearing date the day of
A.D., 19 , A.O. 7 , was granted by the Most Eminent the
Supreme Grand Master to Sir Knights

authorizing and empowering them to open and hold a Preceptory
of Knights Templar, and a Priory of Malta, and appendant Orders.

Now Know Ye, that we, under the sanction of the Sovereign
Great Priory of Canada, do grant this Warrant, constituting and
confirming the said Knights as a regular Preceptory, under the name
and denomination of the Preceptory No. , to be

held at the of in the County of
in the Province of , and Dominion of Canada,

And we do hereby authorize and empower our said Knights, and other
regular subscribing members, and those who shall hereafter become
such, and such as shall be regularly reported to and registered in the
books of the Sovereign Great Priory, to meet at the

of , aforesaid, on of every month, and

proceed as a regular Preceptory of Knights Templar, and to confer
the Illustrious Orders of Companion of the Red Cross, Knight Templar,
and Knight of Malta, and appendant Orders, upon such Holy Royal
Arch Masons, possessing the necessary qualifications, as they may

think proper, conformably to the Statutes and Regulations of the
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and not otherwise : and to do all
such other acts as may lawfully be done by a legally constituted
Preceptory. And we do hereby approve the nomination of, and appoint

Sir Knight to be First Presiding-Preceptor ; Sir
Knight to be Constable ; Sir Knight

be Marshal ; and Sir Knight to be Registrar of the said

Preceptory and direct that they shall continue in the said offices
until their successors duly elected and appointed, have been installed
and invested ; and they, and the officers and members of this Pre-
ceptory shall hold and act under this Warrant as provided for by
and subject to the Constitution, Statutes and Resolutions of the
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, so long only as they shall conform
to them, and to the orders and decisions of the Supreme Grand
Master ; otherwise this Warrant of Constitution shall be void and
of no force and effect.

Given under our hands, and the Seal of the Sovereign Great
Priory of Canada, at , in the Province of
Dominion of Canada, this day of A D. 19 .

A. O. 7.

[SEAL].

‡

Grand Chancellor.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION.

TO THE PRESIDING-PRECEPTOR, OFFICERS AND KNIGHTS OF —
PRECEPTORY, No. — GREETING:

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| <i>Christian and Surnames in full.</i> | } | I | |
| <i>Place of Residence.</i> | | of the | of |
| | } | in the County of | |
| | | Province of | |
| | | | , and Dominion of Canada, |
| <i>Occupation, profession or calling.</i> | } | aged | years, |
| | | having a firm and steadfast faith in the doctrine of the Holy and undivided Trinity, and possessing the Masonic standing of a Master and Royal Arch Mason required by the Statutes of the Order, as fully set forth in the margin hereof,* freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for Installation as a Companion of the Red Cross and into the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, promising in all things fealty to the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master of the said Orders in Canada, and his successors in office, as well as to my immediate superiors; and that I will submit to and observe all usages, customs, statutes, rules and regulations, present and future, of the said Christian Orders and of this or any other Preceptory and Priory of which I may become a member. And I further state, on my obligation as a Master Mason, that I have not been rejected by any other Preceptory within the past twelve months. | |
| <i>Master Mason Raised on the</i> | } | | |
| <i>in Lodge No. on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of held at</i> | | | |
| <i>Royal Arch Mason. Exalted on the</i> | } | | |
| <i>in Chapter No. on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of held at</i> | | | |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Recommended and vouched for | } | Witness my hand this |
| on the honor of | | day of |
| † | | A.D. 19 |
| † | | Sign Name, |
| | | Occupation |
| | | Address |

* The marginal notes to be carefully filled up, being indispensable in preparing the Register of the Preceptory and the Returns to Great Priory.

FORM OF APPLICATION TO JOIN A PRECEPTORY

TO THE PRESIDING-PRECEPTOR, OFFICERS AND KNIGHTS OF _____
PRECEPTORY No. _____, GREETING :

I
of the _____ of _____
in the county of _____ of _____
Province of _____ and Dominion
of Canada
possessing the standing required by the Statutes of
the Order, and having been duly installed as a Com-
panion of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight
of Malta, as fully set forth in the margin hereof,* do,
of my Knighthood, declare that I am, or was last, (as
the case may be) a member of
Preceptory, under the Banner of the Great Priory
Canada, and am in good standing in the
Orders. That I am desirous of joining this Preceptory
and to be registered therein under the Sovereign
Great Priory of Canada. That I will render my
pledges, in regular form, to observe all the Rules,
Regulations and Orders, present and future of
said Christian Orders, and of this Preceptory and
Priory of the same. And I further state on my obliga-
tion as a Knight Templar, that I have not been re-
jected, suspended or expelled from any other Pre-
ceptory.

*Names in full.
Residence.*

Occupation.

*Raised on the
Lodge No. _____
G.R. _____ held
at _____*

*H.A. Mason.
Exalted in
_____ in
_____ at _____*

*No
of the
of _____ held at _____*

*A. J. M.
Installed on
the _____ in
Priory No. _____
Reg. of the
Great Priory
of Canada
held at _____*

Recommended and vouched for
on the honor of

†
†

Witness my hand this
day of _____ A.D. 19 _____

† Sign name and state rank

* The marginal notes to be carefully filled up, being indispensable in preparing the Rolls of the Preceptory and the Returns to Great Priory.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA
OF THE UNITED, RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE,
AND OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE,
RHODES AND MALTA.

Preceptory, No. _____
"In Hoc Signo Vinces."

To all Knights Templar to Whom these Presents May Come :
GREETING :

This is to certify that Sir Knight,
who has signed his name in the margin
hereof, has regularly withdrawn from membership
in this Preceptory, and retires in good standing ;
therefore we courteously recommend him to the
consideration of all Knights Templar.

He has attained the rank of

Given under our hand and the Seal of the Pre-
ceptory, at _____ Province of _____
this _____ day of _____ A. I.
A.D. _____ A.O.

(SEAL)

†

Presiding-Preceptor.

Attest

†

Registrar.

FORMS.

TEMPLAR TRIALS.

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE SUGGESTED.

CHARGE

To the Presiding-Preceptor and Sir Knights of.....Preceptory
No.....Knights Templar :—

Sir Knight A.....E.....a Knight Templar, and member of this
Preceptory, is charged with *unknightly* conduct.

Specification 1. That the said A.....B..... on the day of
....., 19..., at.....in the county of.....Province of.....did.....
.....in violation of his knightly vows.
.....19.... C.....D.....

SUMMONS

.....Preceptory No.....19

SIR KNIGHT A.....B..... :
You are hereby summoned to attend an assembly of this Pre-
ceptory, to be held at the Hall of the Preceptory, on the day of
.....19..., at o'clock M., to make answer to a charge pre-
ferred against you at a regular assembly, held on the day of
19..., and proceed to trial thereon. A copy of the charge and speci-
fications are hereto attached. And take notice, that if you fail to
appear at the time and place above appointed, or to show just cause
for non-attendance, the Preceptory may, in your absence, proceed
and take such evidence in the case as may be laid before it, and make
such adjudication as the merits of the case may seem to warrant.

By order of the Presiding-Preceptor.

[Seal]

.....
Registrar.

NOTICE OF RULING TESTIMONY

SIR KNIGHT A.....B.....

A committee, consisting of Sir Knights E.....F.....G.....H.....
and I.....J....., has been appointed to take the testimony on the charge
preferred against you by Knight C.....D..... Said committee will
meet for that purpose at....., on the... day of 19..., at
o'clock ..m., when you are requested to attend.

[Seal]

.....19....

.....
Registrar.

SUMMONS FOR WITNESSES

IN THE MATTER OF

the charges against Sir Knight..... }

To :

You are hereby summoned and required to attend, as a witness, before..... Preceptory No. Knights Templar, at an assembly, to be holden at its Hall, on the day of 19... at ... o'clock...m.; (or, before a committee of..... Preceptory, No. Knights Templar appointed to take testimony, at a meeting to be held by said committee, at on the..... day of 19... at....o'clock...m), then and there to testify as to the charge and specifications against Sir Knight A..... B....., and this you will in no wise omit.

[Seal]

..... 19....

.....
Registrar.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF

the charges against Sir Knight..... }

The charge of Sir Knight A..... B.....

The committee appointed to take testimony on the charge preferred against Sir Knight A..... B....., a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked A, assembled at, on the ... day of 19...., pursuant to appointment.

Present : Sir Knights E..... F....., G..... H....., I..... J....., committee; and also Sir Knight A..... B..... the accused, and Sir Knight....., the accuser; and Sir Knights..... and

Sir Knight E..... F..... was requested to act as chairman of the committee, and Sir Knight as secretary.

At the request of the accuser Sir Knight, a Templar in good standing, was admitted as counsel, to assist him in the prosecution.

At the request of the accused, Sir Knight, a Templar in good standing, was admitted as counsel, to assist him in his defence.

The charge and specifications were then read and the answer thereto.

For the prosecution, the following witnesses were examined : Sir Knights, and Their evidence is herewith submitted, marked B, C and D.

For the defence, the following witnesses were examined : Sir Knights, and Their evidence is herewith submitted, marked E, F and G.

The questions raised upon the admissibility of evidence are noted.
The testimony being closed, the committee notified the parties that its report would be submitted to Preceptory No. Knights Templar, at an assembly thereof to be holden on the day of 19...., which is accordingly done.

Courteously submitted.

....., 19....

E F *Chairman.*

G H

I J *Committee.*

After action has been taken by the Preceptory, notice of judgment is sent to the accused.

To SIR KNIGHT A.....B.....

Take notice that the attached is a copy of the action and decision of Preceptory, No., upon the charge preferred against you by Sir Knight C..... D..... as the same appears upon the records of the Preceptory.

..... 19....

[Seal]

..... Registrar.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

To....., *Presiding-Preceptor of.....Preceptory No.....*
Knights Templar :

Take notice that I shall bring an appeal from the action of the said Preceptory, on the day of 19...., in passing sentence of on me, to the Supreme Grand Master or Sovereign Great Priory, on the following grounds : [State grounds of appeal.]

A.....B.....

APPEAL

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada or Supreme Grand Master :

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of Preceptory No., made on the day of 19...., in passing sentence of on him : and he specifies the following as the grounds of appeal.

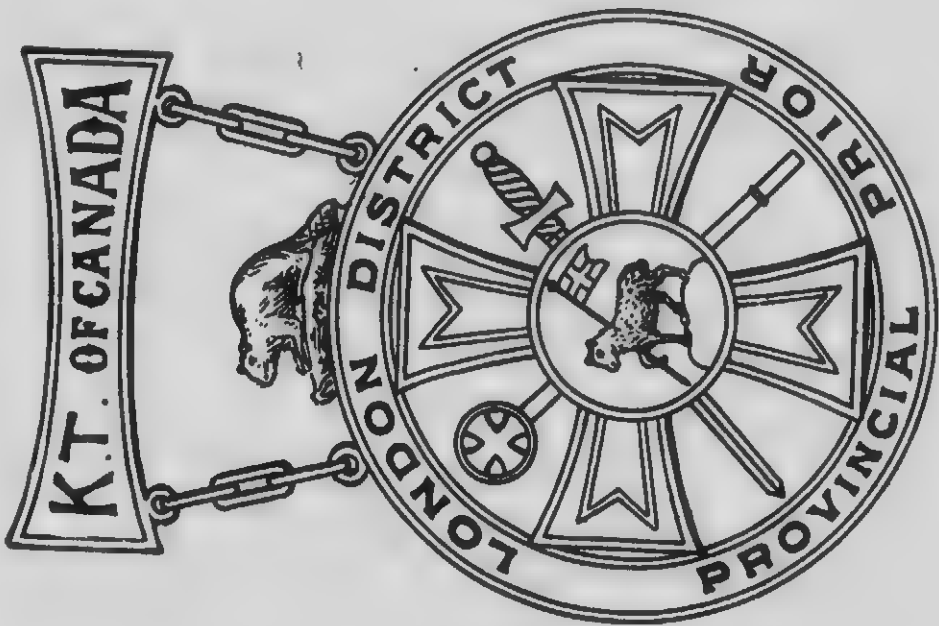
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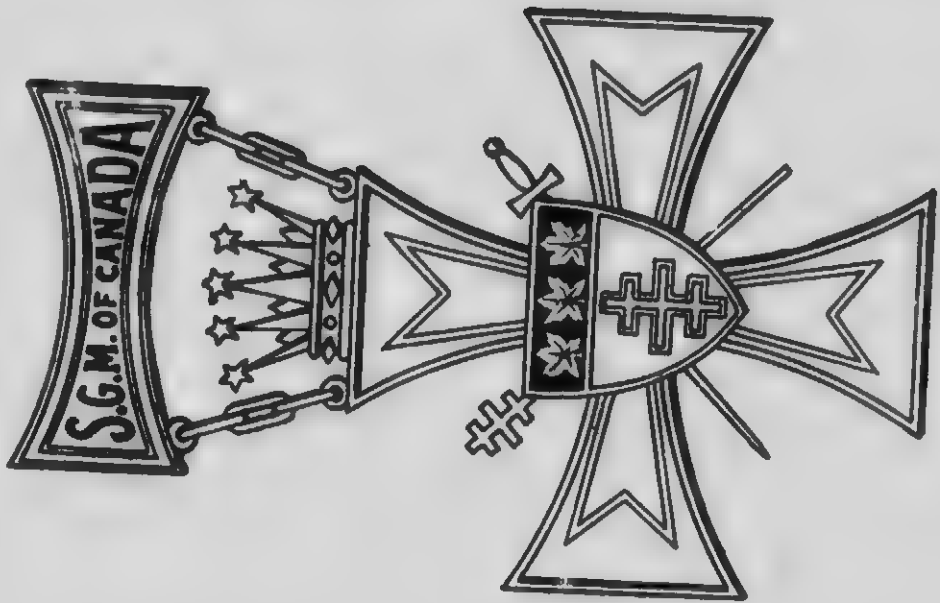
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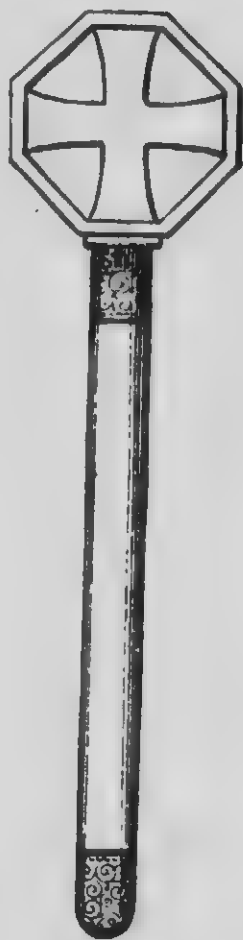
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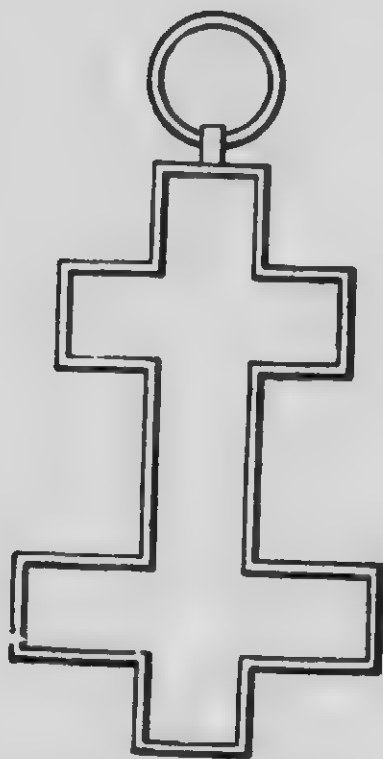
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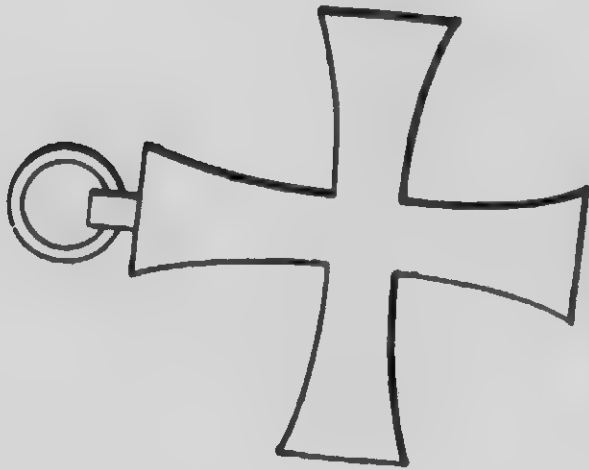
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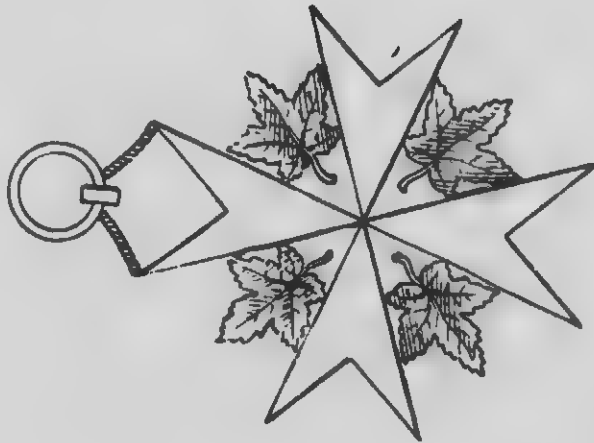
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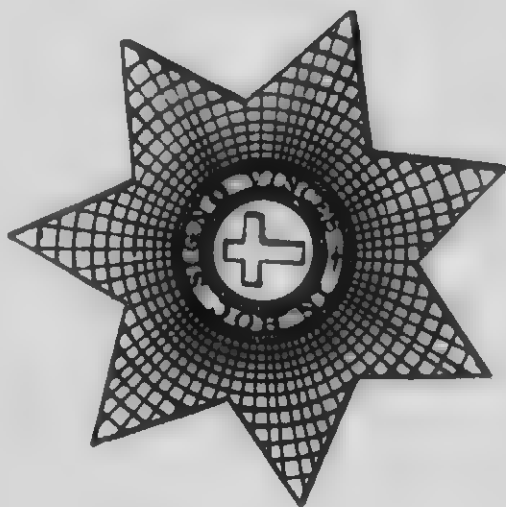
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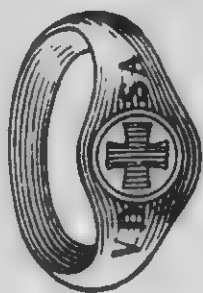
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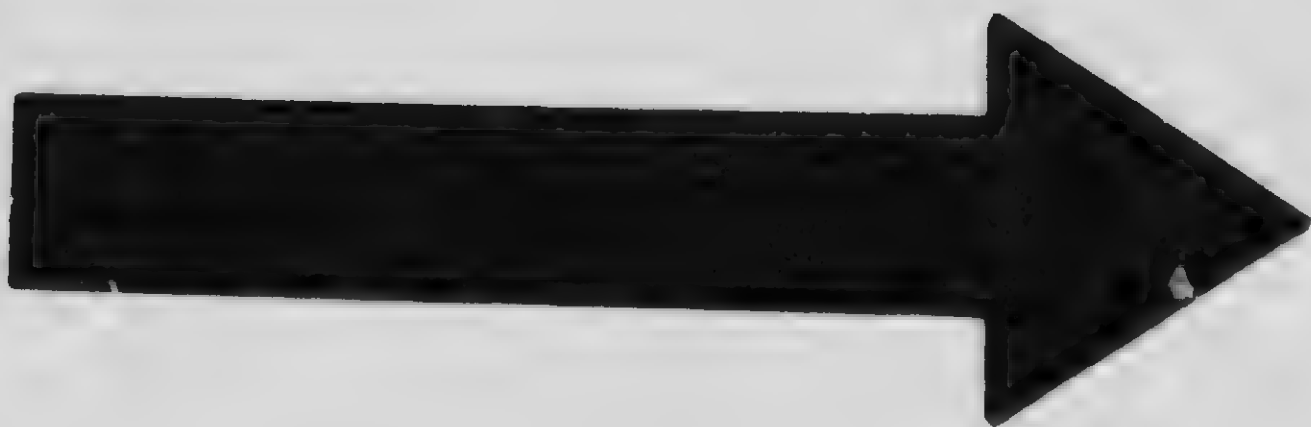
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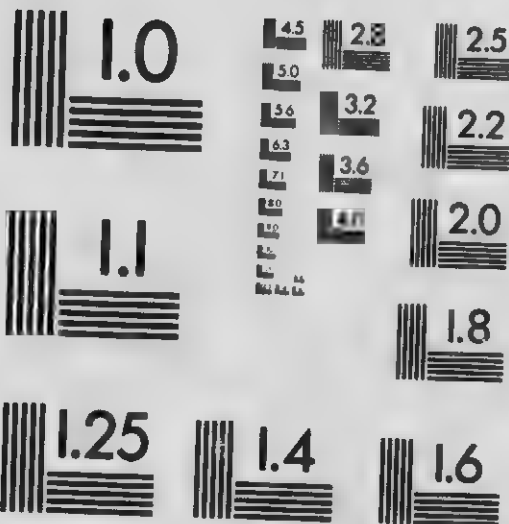
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